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SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1105 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1126, introduced by the General Affairs Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16, referred to General Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending. (AM2631, Legislative Journal page 571.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: As Chairman of the General Affairs Committee, Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on LB 1126.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. LB 1126 is a straightforward bill. This bill was introduced by the General Affairs Committee at the request of the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue. LB 1126 gives the department the ability to deny, suspend, cancel, or revoke a charitable gaming license, or permit, if an individual has been cited and had their liquor license suspended, canceled or removed by the Liquor Control Commission for illegal gambling activities on their premises. The bill applies to licenses or permits required under the Nebraska Bingo Act...the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, which is keno, and the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act. Charitable Gaming Division requested this letter...this bill, in order to help...to help them address the problem of illegal gambling activities. Currently the statutes state that if an individual is convicted for illegal gambling, then the department can take an action on their license. However, the problem is that many of these cases are not prosecuted. The bill would change the statute to clearly allow the department to take an administrative action on the license if there has been an action taken by the Liquor Control Commission on that same individual's liquor license for illegal gambling activities. The idea is to give the department another means to address the problem of illegal gambling activities in the state. Illegal gambling directly affects those running legal, charitable gaming activities, by reducing the revenues to charitable causes,